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6 Career Men Get Awards for Service to U.S.

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Six federal career officials, described by President Johnson as "modern pioneers," are winners of the 1967 President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service.

The six men, named by the President late yesterday for the highest honor that can be conferred on a career employe of the federal government, will receive gold medals and citations at ceremonies to be held early next month.

The awards go to:

Myrl E. Alexander, 57, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and veteran of 33 years of federal service, for pioneering "more effective methods of treatment in correctional institutions, which have increased the offender's capacity to re-enter community life as a responsible citizen."

Arthur E. Hess, 51, director of the Bureau of Health Insurance in the Social Security Administration, for which he has worked since 1939, for organizing and launching "in record time and with remarkable success, the complicated and far-reaching Medicare program.

Sherman Kent, 63, director of national estimates at the Central Intelligence Agency since 1951, described as a "creative pioneer in the theory and practice of foreign intelligence."

C. Payne Lucas, 33, deputy director of the Peace Corps for the Africa region, honored as an "inspired and inspiring leader of Peace Corps volunteers."

William J. Porter, 52, a veteran career diplomat now serving as ambassador to Korea, for his work formerly as deputy ambassador to South Vietnam in pioneering and unifying U.S. Civilian aid programs and greatly increasing their effectiveness "in improving the lot of the Vietnamese people."

Carl F. Romney, 43, Air Force seismologist for his "outstanding contributions to the development of a control system for underground nuclear tests" in a way to enhance "international cooperation in the interest of world peace."

In announcing the award winners, the President said there is such rapid change in the world today that inherited knowledge is no longer sufficient to solve urgent problems.

"We must seek new answers," he said, "from people . . . unafraid to voice constructive discontent with tried but no longer true methods, from people with the energy and the initiative to break through the long-accepted boundaries of action. Such are the six selected for this hgih civilian honor . . ."

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